

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. (amended) A method for enabling a consumer to access the Internet using a television having at least one television tuner, comprising:
 - configuring the television to have plural television channels and at least one virtual channel, the virtual channel representing a Web page; and
 - periodically [sending] receiving updates to the Web page [to] at the television, such that the virtual channel is periodically updated thereby.
4. (amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the updates are [sent via] received over a DSL.
5. (amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the updates are [sent via] received over a cable modem line.
6. (amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the updates are [sent via] received over at least one vertical blanking interval (VBI) of a television signal.
9. (amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the act of [sending updates] receiving updates includes:
 - [sending] receiving information pertaining to at least one update to the television; and
 - at the television, using the information to determine whether to download the update to the television.
13. (amended) The method of Claim 10, wherein updates to the Web page are [sent via] received over a DSL.
14. (amended) The method of Claim 10, wherein updates to the Web page are [sent via] received over a cable modem line.
15. (amended) The method of Claim 10, wherein updates to the Web page are [sent via] received over at least one vertical blanking interval (VBI) of a television signal.
18. (amended) The method of Claim 10, wherein the act of updating or changing includes:
 - [sending] receiving information pertaining to at least one update [to] at the ITV; and
 - at the ITV, using the information to determine whether to download the update to the ITV.
23. (amended) The method of Claim 19, wherein updates to the Web page are [sent via] received over a DSL, or via a cable modem line, or via a wireless path, or via at least one vertical blanking interval (VBI) of a television signal.
31. (amended) The method of Claim 27, wherein updates to the Web page are [sent via] received over a DSL, or via a cable modem line, or via a wireless path, or via at least one vertical blanking interval (VBI) of a television signal.
34. (amended) The method of Claim 27, wherein the act of updating or changing includes:
 - [sending] receiving information pertaining to at least one update [to] at the ITV; and
 - at the ITV, using the information to determine whether to download the update to the ITV.
39. (amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein updates are [sent via] received over a wireless path.
40. (amended) The method of Claim 10, wherein updates are [sent via] received over a wireless path.